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AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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DHAHRAN PASS FAS DAN SHEPPARD

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SHIPMENT FOR USDA FOOD SALES TEAM

REF: BEIRUT 1711

1. SHIPMENT ARRIVED PM FEB 5. REFTEL ANNOUNCING SHIPMENT
ARRIVED FOLLOWING DAY WHEN EMBASSY CLOSED. AS A RESULT APPROX-
IMATELY 20 HOURS ELAPSED FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL UNTIL SHIPMENT
WAS PLACED IN REFRIGERATION. ALL FORZEN ITEMS THAWED. ONLY ONE
BOX OF FROZEN GOODS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN PACKED IN DRY ICE
BUT IT TOO HAD THAWED.

2. HILTON FOOD SERVICE MANAGER ADVISED FOOD COULD NOT BE
REFROZEN AND USED FOR RECEPTION. EMBASSY NURSE CONCURRED.
HILTON AGREED TO STORE MEAT IN REFRIGERATOR THEN LATER ASKED
EMBASSY TO REMOVE IT. EMBOFF HAS REFROZEN SAMPLES OF EACH PRODUCT
AS ADVISED BY SHEPPARD'S WASHINGTON OFFICE IN FEB 7 PHONE
CONVERSATION. SAMPLES WILL BE FOR DISPLAY ONLY. REMAINING FOOD
HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF.

3. SEVERAL ITEMS LISTED ON INVOICE MISSING FROM SHIPMENT:
1 CARTON 10 OZ. BONELESS STRIP STEAKS AND ONE CARTON BEEF
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TENDERLOIN STEAKS, BOTH ATLAND CORP. SAMPLES. DRY AND CANNED

GOODS ARRIVED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

4. IF COMPANIES PLAN TO SHIP MORE SAMPLES, ESSENTIAL WE BE INFORMED OF SHIPMENT, FLIGHT NO., AIRWAYS BILL NO., NO. OF CARTONS IN SHIPMENT AND ETA SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE REPEAT IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL. KUWAIT EMBASSY CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. ANY URGENT COMMUNICATION THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE MARKED NIACT IMMEDIATE.

5. COMMENT: ANY DISCUSSION OF WHETHER OR NOT FOOD COULD BE REFROZEN AND PREPARED IS ACADEMIC IN VIEW OF DECISION OF HILTON CHEF WHO IS PREPARING FOOD FOR RECEPTION. HEALTH QUESTIONS ASIDE, DAMAGE TO THE QUALITY OF THE FOODS DEFEATS ENTIRE PURPOSE OF RECEPTION. EMBOFF IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR RECEPTION USING CANNED FOODS PLUS ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM HOTEL.
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